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When a calf tries to bellow it is time for the dime museum man to negotiate with the owner—the mortgagee.

E. O. Hall & Son are to be congratulated on the design of their new structure and Honolulu is to be congratulated in turn on the promise of getting so fine a building for its principal street.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union reports a year of hard work and of more or less disappointment. The number of saloons has visibly increased, but this, in the opinion of some of the members, may be the means of stirring up the community to reform. The Union has certainly done its part in arousing public opinion as the list of its speakers and of its meetings for the year attests.

The circus has come to town and is giving the people needed relaxation. In Honolulu there are not amusements enough and for the want of them business men find it hard to keep clerks and artisans. Young men and women come, stay awhile and then hurry back to the coast where there is something doing. It is deadly dull here for strangers, especially as regards the lack of theaters, hence the packed houses at the circus and the hope that one may be the forerunner of others.

Sixto Lopez, who is nearing Manila, may not know how eagerly grounds for his arrest were sought when he was talking sedition in Honolulu. One midnight meeting occurred in the Advertiser office attended by Major Robinson, U. S. A., and the late U. S. Marshal Ray, at which the original draft of Lopez' letter to this journal was closely scanned for expressions which would warrant summary action. District Attorney Baird was visited at a later hour and he decided that Lopez could not be held. The Filipino had come very close indeed to the line but he had not quite stepped over it.

The most noticeable and significant thing in the attitude of the local Anti-Dole press is its coolness towards the proposal to bring an investigating commission here. Fair play is precisely what the anti-Doleites do not want. They prefer doing business at Washington with no one present to correct their misstatements of fact. Given a receptive ear and no challenging party and a great deal of politics may be done in a short time. With an investigating body, looking into both sides, results might be painfully different. Memories of the Morgan and Cullom commissions still linger.

The appearance of Commodore—or is he ex-Commodore?—Beckley in the lists for Congress adds interest to the political situation in its formative stages. Commodore Beckley has not figured prominently in politics and we are not sure to which party he belongs, but if he should run for Congress the fight would be most entertaining. Evidently, from the looks of things, the Prince Consort who now serves as Hawaiian Delegate at Washington, is going to have his hands full when he runs again. Jimmy Boyd is in the field early and there is a whisper that John Emmelhuth may enter providing he can get any kind of lead pipe cinch.

The health of King Edward continues to be an object of concern. His pictures do not signify a well man and the reports of cancer draw the public mind to physical tendencies which developed among his ancestors and nearer relatives and which have caused many deaths in the Royal family and its connections. Even if the King had inherited the staunchest physique his really arduous life as Prince of Wales must have undermined it. No man can live in a continuous round of feasting and social toil with onerous public duties added and reach the age of sixty with his health unimpaired. A life like that would cripple a better constitution than that of which any prince, descended from the four Georges, has shown himself possessed.

Judge Estee was quite right in cutting off extraneous titles from the President's name in the course of a memorial address. The first constitutional convention directed that the Federal executive should have no other title than that of President of the United States. It was proposed to address him as "Your Serene Highness" and even adopting the ancient form of the Dutch States General—as "Your High-Mightiness." The men who worked hardest for a title, among whom was John Adams, stuck at "Your Excellency" and this highly absurd address came near being formulated. It is sometimes used unwittingly even now; but it belongs only to a few Governors of States. Adams, who was naturally an aristocrat, wanted to invest the Presidency, for which he was an aspirant from the start, with semi-royal state, but all his propositions of that kind were overborne by the spirit of democracy.

The attempt to wrest the credit for closing Gear's Iwilei from Judge Estee, who discovered the application of the Edmunds' law, and from the Territorial officials who shut down the institution, continues. It is true that the political Circuit Court participated, in that it hurried out an injunction when it learned that Acting Governor Cooper and the High Sheriff had decided to lock up the Gear establishment as an offense to the law which Judge Estee had quoted. The previous efforts of the First Circuit Court to interfere with the Gear investment had been mere gallery plays and amounted to nothing practical. It is far from decent to deprive Judge Estee of the credit which he gained when the Ministerial Union turned to him for the relief which two sessions of the First Circuit Court had denied it; but it is quite in line with the effort lately made by the judge of that court to persuade the public that Estee has no more title than himself to a constitutional place in the Federal judiciary.

INTERESTING
MANILA NOTES

The owners of sugar producing estates in the islands of Panay and Negros have united in a petition addressed to Governor Taft, requesting his aid and influence in removing the duty on sugar imported to the United States from these islands, or at least to place them on an equal footing with the producers of Porto Rico.

The newly-elected board of directors of the Federal party has ratified the action taken by the old board and recommended Senator Tomas del Rosario as delegate to represent the party at Washington during the next session of Congress. Senator Rosario has not yet decided to accept this important mission, but it is believed that he is inclined to follow the expressed desires of the party leaders.

One of the young sons of Gen. W. A. Kobbé, lately in command of the department of Mindanao and Jolo, has been arrested and held for murderous assault. His victim is young Paul Wissig, whom the boy shot in the lungs with his rifle. Eric and Hermann Kobbé, fifteen and sixteen years old, respectively, for several weeks have been shooting on the rifle range at Fort Mason, where their mother lives. Men in boats have complained of the boys' recklessness. One oarsman came near having his boat sunk under him, because the boys peppered it with bullets. On July 19th, Wissig, with three companions, was in a rowboat when several shots were fired at them, and Wissig received a bullet wound through the lungs which, the surgeons at the hospital fear, will prove fatal. The Kobbé boys told their mother when they read of the shooting, and soon after a detective arrived and shot them with the shooting. The younger brother admitted he must have shot Wissig, but both asserted that they did not see any boat. Eric was held for trial.

There is some speculation as to the motives inducing Sixto Lopez to visit the Philippines. For the past two years he has been enjoying a tour of the United States and Europe, living in the best hotels and generally taking things comfortably at the expense of the Filipino Junta. He is due to arrive in Hongkong within the next week, and it is said that he is accompanied by a member of the American Anti-Imperialist League, who is a great sympathizer of Aguinaldo.

Captain Draper of the Marine Corps, who died on his way to Hongkong from Manila, was born in Kansas and graduated from the Naval Academy in 1886, and has had a very distinguished career in the Philippines, where he had seen much service and done considerable good work. The body of Captain Draper is now on its way to Manila for shipment to the States, whither it will be accompanied by Mrs. Draper and her child. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Draper in her sad bereavement.

The teachers are not finding the Philippines a bed of roses. One young man says he entered his village with the greatest interest in the welfare of those who were to be under his care, in their rise to American citizenship. He found no school and no teacher. He sent for the president. This dignitary he found clad in a mudhole. With considerable vigor the president informed the pedagogic that he was not wanted in that village at all, and advised him to leave at once. There was a detachment of soldiers in the place, who said he had better follow the directions of the president.

Peking's Mascot Cat.

The City of Peking owns a cat, or rather it is the property of Steward Johnson. In his long career on the ocean liner, this cat has lived off the fat of the ocean, and is now prized by the officers above all else. He is the mascot and before the vessel departs from any port, the cat is watched and kept safely aboard. On leaving Hongkong on the present trip, Mr. Cat in some manner got aboard a tug lying by and as the two vessels swung apart Steward Johnson heard a piteous howling. The mascot was seen standing on the deck of the tug looking longingly at the departing liner. A sampan was requisitioned and Mr. Cat was brought safely back to the Peking. He made his exit to the hold and was not seen for two days—probably a period of penitence.

Cards have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewers for the marriage of Miss Harriet Layman Lewers to Mr. Arthur F. Wall, on Monday evening, October 22nd, at 8:30 o'clock, at St. Andrew's Cathedral. The reception, from 9 to 10:30 o'clock, will be held at Halekulani, Waikiki.

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LADIES DISCUSS
CURRENT EVENTS

Current events were the subjects of discussion which furnished an enjoyable evening for the dozen ladies who gathered at the Y. W. C. A. rooms last evening. This is one of the many features of the work of the association, and there was much enthusiasm shown in the taking hold of the matter.

Mrs. Arthur Maxson Smith was in charge of the evening's discussions and suggested many subjects which formed topics for the general talk. The range was wide, from European politics to fires and centipedes, but the larger questions took up most of the time, and aroused much genuine interest. Mrs. Smith directed attention first to the Russo-French alliance and the probable first results of the visit to France of the Czar. Social and economic conditions in Italy were brought under the investigating eyes of the ladies, and then the crowning of Franz Josef as King of Bohemia, the first recognition of the nationality since 1620, occupied attention, leading to comment on the liberal victory in Denmark.

The Central America squabble between Venezuela and Colombia, and the Monroe doctrine, mixed up together, was a theme which caused much discussion, and this consideration of American matters led naturally to the latest phases of the Chinese question.

Not to permit the political side of the evening to control, there was a talk upon the late books by Mrs. Marr, who led this phase of the evening's talk. Mrs. Marr is a Smith College graduate. Those present were: Mrs. H. C. Austin, Mrs. Hobson, Miss Clarke, Mrs. W. G. Smith, Miss Schofield, Mrs. Marr, Miss Girvin, Mrs. Edgar Wood, Miss Parmelee, Miss Owens and Mrs. A. M. Smith, the leader of the evening's work.

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A full attendance of the members is earnestly requested.

H. A. PARMELEE, Secretary.

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